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Letter dated 16 January 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 14 January 1991 by the Chief Cabinet Secretary of the Government of Japan on its decision to provide an emergency contribution of $US 38 million for assistance to evacuees in the areas near the borders between Iraq and neighbouring States (see annex).

Japan has made this decision in response to the appeal of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (UNDRO) of 11 January, in order to fulfil its international responsibilities and provide humanitarian assistance to evacuees.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 86 and 153, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of
Japan to the United Nations

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Press statement made by Chief Cabinet Secretary of the Government of Japan concerning emergency aid for evacuees in the Middle East

(Outline)

1. With the deadline set by Security Council resolution 678 (1990) for the implementation of the series of relevant United Nations resolutions, including the one demanding Iraq's immediate unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait drawing near, new evacuees are moving into and staying in the area near the border between Iraq and neighbouring States, while some have already entered Jordan.

2. Under these circumstances, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (UNDRO), representing related international organizations, estimated that $US 175 million will be needed for the relief and repatriation of the projected 400,000 evacuees who are expected to arrive in the neighbouring States of Iraq in the early stage, and appealed to the international community on 11 January for a contribution of $US 38 million required to meet the start-up costs.

3. The Government of Japan, in order to fulfil the international responsibility expected of Japan and to provide humanitarian assistance to these evacuees, has decided to provide an emergency contribution of $US 38 million (approximately 5.1 billion yen) to UNDRO, an amount equivalent to the entire start-up cost. In addition, the Government of Japan has already announced its intention to donate 6,000 blankets to UNDRO in case the influx of evacuees into the neighbouring States of Iraq increases.

4. The Government of Japan has already provided over $US 22 million in emergency aid to related international organizations and Governments for the relief of evacuees resulting from the Gulf crises.